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Our Case No. 10922/51 (PA-5338-RFB)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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FOSTER et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Nguyen
Serial No. 10/617,580	)	
	)	Group Art Unit No. 3731
Filing Date: July 11, 2003	)	
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the non-final office action dated December 14, 2007, Applicants electronically submit this response along with a petition for a one month extension of time. In view of the claim amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicants respectfully request that the claim rejections be withdrawn.